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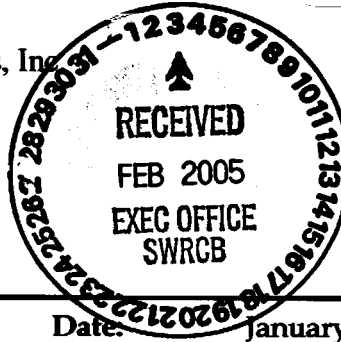
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To: Ms. Debbie Irvin

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State Water Resources Control Board

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Date: January 31, 2005**Subject:** Public Comment With Respect to
the Draft Industrial Storm Water
General Permit**Prepared By:** Ron Hayes

Dear Ms. Irvin:

Attached are comments prepared by Modern Pattern & Foundry Co., Inc. with respect to the revised Draft Industrial Storm Water General Permit. Modern Pattern & Foundry Co., Inc. is a member in good standing of the Metal Casting Storm Water Monitoring Group, Inc.

Please enter their comments into the public record pursuant to the public hearings on the General Permit in Rancho Cucamonga and Sacramento on January 31st and February 7th.

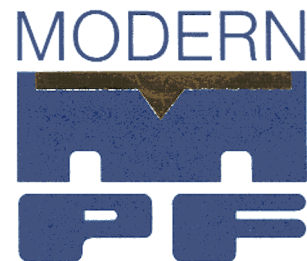
Sincerely,

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It deeply saddens me that the USEPA has decided to make the current guidelines of Storm Water Pollution Prevention more strenuous than they already are for the complying participating members of Storm Water Pollution Prevention. Our company has been a dedicated participant of Storm water Pollution Prevention even before it was a law. We decided back in the 1940's that it would be in the best interest of the environment to put all of our operation under the cover of a building. Making it impossible for stormwater to contact. Cleanliness, always being the top priority of every employee. Continuous sweeping has always been the rule. If the workstation isn't clean, you aren't allowed to work until it is. This has always been the rule of our company. We have always done a thorough job of preventing pollutants from entering the Storm Drains.

The reason that this is truly sad is because there are so many businesses in almost every industry in California that are heavy polluters and non participants of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention. Instead of tightening the current requirements on us, why not go after these non complying, non-participants. During the past rains of December 2004 and January 2005, it was reported that nearly 100,000 gallons of raw sewage is now in the ocean polluting our beaches because of failures in the Storm Water and Sewage systems of certain cities. If the sewage and Storm Water systems are going to fail, shouldn't we concentrate on correcting this major problem instead of going after us. Being a supporter of Surfrider and hearing about all the pollution entering the ocean from so many that are unaccountable for their actions is truly sickening and saddening to hear. My father, grandfather and myself are true caretakers of the of the environment. We are all foundrymen. Being, surfers, fishermen, and hikers, we have always been lovers of the land, true environmentalists. Always doing our part to clean-up the environment, be it the ocean, or the rivers of the High Sierras.

We are always doing our part to assure that our foundry does not affect the environment in any way. We (MCSMGI), who are already doing everything possible to prevent pollution, need to be distinguished from those who are the polluters.

Please Help...

John Meckel

Vice President